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MYSORE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT

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Department A&F **Section** Forest A

Subject :— Forest Defn - N.K.Dist - Srs. 15 - Lease of 791-4 acres in Banavasi and Tigri villages in Varada Valley to Pineapple Growers Co-op Society Ltd

Earlier References :— AFD. 336. FCL 69

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Under Secretary (Forests)
Government Secretariat
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Sl. No. 1. letter No. B3/CFL/742/69-70 dated 20.8.70 of the C.C.F. Bihar

Sl. No. 2. Refn. dated 24.8.70 of M/s Varada Valley Pineapple Growers' Co-op. Society Ltd. Sirsi.

Note 1.

(1) Minutes of the Minister for Forests at P5 c/f:

"CCF to examine and report"

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Dated 1-9-70
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(2) The C.C.F has requested to insert some additional clauses in G.O. No. AFD 386. Fal 69 dated 6.8.70 in which an area of 791-04 acres of land was granted on lease basis in N.K Dist for pine-apple cultivation.

(3) The Society has requested to concede the lease-growth to them. The C.C.F may be consulted.

(4) A draft letter to C.C.F. is put up for approval

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Sl. No. 4. letter No. B3/CFL/742/69-70 dated 15.9.70 of the C.C.F. Bihar.

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The C.C.F in his letter dated 20.8.70 (P2.) has requested to effect the following modifications in G.O.an. AFD.336.FCL69 dated 6.8.70. (Flag A).

(i) To add ~~the following~~ the following clauses:

(i) A belt of 100 meters shall be left on the banks of Varada River to prevent soil erosion and the society shall also take necessary soil conservation measures at their cost whether the soil is subject to erosion.

(ii) the lease shall be cancelled forthwith if the Registration of the society is cancelled.

(iii) The rent now fixed is liable for revision at any time the Govt. considers it necessary.

(iv) The lessee should execute an agreement with the D.F.O. Sirsi embodying the aforesaid conditions.

(v) All or any amount due under the lease deed shall in case of default be recovered from the lessee as arrears of land revenue or any other provision under which it could be recovered.

(vi) the lessee shall permit the officers and servants of Govt. with or without workmen at all times to enter upon the lands aforesaid to view the conditions and state thereof.

We may agree to add the above clauses except clause (ii) and (iv).

(ii) Further the C.C.F has proposed to substitute clause (iv) & (vii) by the following.

(i) The land should be utilised only for the purpose of cultivation of pine-apple. If the land is not utilised for the said purpose within a period of 5 years or if it is diverted to any other purpose the land shall be resumed by Govt. with all the structures if any put up by the society without payment of any compensation.

(ii) The lessee shall deposit with the Forest Deptt. a sum of Rs 5000/- either in cash or Bank guarantee for the satisfactory fulfilment of all the conditions and in case of breach of any of the conditions, the Deptt. shall be at liberty to impose penalty upto a maximum of Rs 1000/- to each such breach and recover the same. If the lessee fails to pay the same within 15 days from the date of such demand it shall be lawful for the Deptt. to order recovery of this amount from the deposit. If any such penalty is recovered from the deposit, the deposit should be immediately made up so that the deposit should always be Rs 5000/-.

As proposed by C.C.F the above clauses be substituted

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(iii) With ref. to the representation dated 24.8.70 of m/s Varada Valley Pine-apple Growers Co-op. Society to concede the tree-growth to the society in order to avoid delay in extracting the timber, the C.C.F has reported that, as the tree-growth in the area is poor and he has advised that he would make the entire area into blocks of 150 to 200 acres so that a number of contractors could take up the work, to avoid delays.

He has also reported that it is not correct to concede the tree-growth to the society by receiving the value of tree-growth assessed plus 10% to it. He has stated that the Society may participate in auction and purchase and clear the area in as best and suitable to them.

We may agree with C.C.F. Two drafts are put up for approval.

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Sl. No. 8. letter No. B3/AFL/742/69-70 dated 12.2.71
of the C.C.F. Bihar

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No. B3/GFL/742/69-70.

CHIEF CONSERVATOR'S OFFICE(GENL.)
Bangalore, dated, 12 February, 1971.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Agriculture and Forest Department,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

Sub: Forest Department - N.Kanara District - Sirsi Taluka Lease of 791-04 acres in Banavasi and Tigni villages to M/s.Varada Valley Pine-apple Growers Co-op.Society Ltd., Banavasi, for Pine apple cultivation - Modifications regarding.

Ref: This office letter of even No.dated 15-10-1970.

I invite reference to this office letter quoted above, and request you kindly to obtain and communicate the decision of Government in the matter early.

2. The area comprised of 770-4-0 acres has been divided into 5 plots and the estimated value of tree growth at the upset price is as indicated against each.

Plot No.	extent in acres	upset price fixed (Rs.)
I	132-10-0	33,200
II	234-01-0	35,250
III	187-00-0	15,300
IV	110-00-0	8,800
V	106-33-0	2,850
Total	770-4-00	95,400

Early orders may kindly be issued to sell the same or otherwise, in the light of this office letter cited above.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Conservator of Forests(Genl.)

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

No. AFD 311 FGL 70.

MYSORE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT,
VIDHANA SOUDHA,

Dated, Bangalore, 28th Nov. 1970.
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FROM

The *Secretary to the Government of Mysore,*
Agriculture & Forest Department.

To. The Varada Valley Pineapple Growers'
Co-operative Society Ltd.,
BANAVASI, Sirsi Taluk,
North Kanara District.

Sir,

Sub: Representation of the Varada Valley Pine-apple Growers Co-op. Society Ltd., Banavasi to concede the tree-growth in an area of 791-04 acres leased to them in Banavasi and Tigni villages of ~~Sxix~~ Sirsi Taluk for Pineapple cultivation

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With reference to your representation dated 24-8-1970, on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to state that your request for conceding the tree-growth cannot be complied with.

However it may be pointed out that you are free to purchase the tree growth in auction and clear the area in as best and most suitable manner you like.

Yours faithfully,

2-12-1970

(M.A.Srinivasan)
Under Secretary to Government,
Agriculture & Forest Department.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

Sub: Forest Department - North Kanara District - Sirsi Taluk - Lease of 701-4 acres in Benavalli and Tirni Villages to M/s. Varada Valley Pineapple Growers Co-operative Society Ltd., Benavalli for Pineapple cultivation - Modifications - regarding.

ORDER NO. AFD 311 FOL 70.
DATED: BANGALORE, THE 23rd DECEMBER 1970.

With reference to letter No.23/CFT/762/69-70 dated the 20th August 1970 of the Chief Conservator of Forests(General) in Mysore, Bangalore, on the subject mentioned above the Governor is pleased to accord sanction for the modification of the Govt. Order No.AFT 338 FOL 69 dated the 6/7th Aug. 1970, to the extent indicated below.

Condition No.(iv): The land should be utilised only for the purpose of cultivation of pineapple. If the land is not utilised for the said purpose within a period of 5 years or if it is diverted to any other purpose, the land shall be resumed by Government with all the structures if any put up by the Society without payment of any compensation.

Condition No.(vii): The lessee shall deposit with the Forest Department a sum of Rs.1,000/- either in cash or Bank Guarantee for the satisfactory fulfilment of all the conditions and in case of breach of any of the conditions the Department shall be at liberty to impose penalty upto a maximum of Rs.1,000/- for each such breach and recover the same. If the lessee fails to pay the same within 15 days from the date of such demand it shall be lawful for the Department to order recovery of this amount from the deposit. If any such penalty is recovered from the deposit, the deposit should be immediately made up so that the deposit should always be Rs.2,000/-.

Condition No.(viii): A belt of 100 metres shall be left on the banks of Varada River to prevent soil erosion and the society shall also take necessary soil conservation measures at their cost where the soil is subject to erosion.

Condition No.(ix): The rent now fixed is liable for revision at any time the Government consider it necessary.

Condition No.(x): All or any amount due under the lease deed shall in case of default be recovered from the lessee as arrears of land revenue or any other provision under which it could be recovered.

Condition No.(xi): The lessee shall permit the officers and servants of Government with or without workmen at all times to enter upon the lands aforesaid to view the conditions and state thereof.

M. A. Srinivasan
(M.A.Srinivasan)
Under Secretary to Government,
Agriculture & Forest Department.

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests(General), Mysore, Bangalore.
The Conservator of Forests, Western Circle, Dharwar.
The Divisional Forest Officer, Sirsi.
Copy to: C & I Department/Finance Department.

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Sub: Refn. of the Varada Valley Pineapple Growers Co-op. Society Ltd Banavasi to concede the tree-growth in an area of 191-04 acres leased to them in Banavasi and Tigri villages of Sirsi Tq. for Pineapple cultivation.

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The Secy
Varada Valley Pineapple
Growers' Co-operative Society
Ltd. Banavasi,
SIRSI-Tq. N. Kanara Dist.

Sir

I write ref. to your representation dated 24.8.70 on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to state that your request for conceding the tree-growth cannot be complied with.

However it may be pointed out that you are free to ~~request you to~~ purchase the tree growth in question and clear the area in any manner best and most suitable you like

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Sub: Forest Department - N.K.District - Sirsi Taluk - Lease of 791-4 acres in Banavasi and Tigni Villages to M/S Varada Valley Pineapple Growers Cooperative Society Ltd., Banavasi for Pineapple cultivation - Modifications - regarding -

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVT. OF MYSORE.

ORDER NO.AFD 311 FGL 70

DATED BANGALORE THE 1970

With reference to letter No.B3/GFL/742/69-70 dated the 20th August 1970 of the C.C.F.(Gl.) in Mysore, Bangalore on the subject mentioned above the Governor is pleased to accord sanction for the modification of the G.O. No.AFD 336 FGL 69 dated the 6/7th August 1970, to the extent indicated below:-

Condition No.(iv): The land should be utilised only for the purpose of cultivation of pine-apple. If the land is not utilised for the said purpose within a period of 5 years or if it is diverted to any other purpose, the land shall be resumed by Government with all the structures if any put up by the Society without payment of any com-pensation.

Condition No.(vii): The lessee shall deposit with the Forest Department a sum of Rs. 5,000/- either in cash or Bank guarantee for the satisfactory fulfilment of all the conditions and in case of breach of any of the conditions, the depart-ment shall be at liberty to impose penalty upto a maximum of Rs. 1,000/- for each such breach and recover the same. If the lessee fails to pay the same within 15 days from the date of such demand it shall be lawful for the department to order recovery of this amount from the Deposit. If any such penalty is recovered from the deposit, the deposit should be immediately made upx so that the deposit should always be Rs. 5,000/-.

to add condition No.(viii): A belt of 100 metres shall be left on the banks of Varada River to prevent soil erosion and the Society shall also take necessary Soil conservation measures at their cost where the soil is subject to erosion.

Condition No.(~~ix~~): The rent now fixed is liable for revision at any time the Government consider it necessary.

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No.B3/GFL/742/69-70. Chief Conservator's Office (Genl)
encl: 2 Bangalore:Dated: 15/10/ 1970.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Agriculture and Forest Department,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

Sub:-Grant of forest land for pineapple cultivation.
Ref:-Your No.AFD-311 FGL 70 Dated 14-9-70. PS.

M/s.Varada Valley Pineapple growers Co-op.Society Ltd., Sirsi have presented a copy of their representation Dated 24-8-70 given to Government in this office. The same was sent for the remarks of the Divisional Forest Officer,Sirsi.

I enclose herewith a copy of letter No.FOP/GFL/CCF/SR/68/69-70 Dated 23-9-70 together with its enclosure received from the Conservator of Forests, Kanara in this connection for the perusal of Government.

Necessary proposals for deletion of certain areas from the original Government Order will be submitted to Government in due course.

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The Chief Promotor has pleaded for the transfer of the land with the tree growth on payment of the assessed value on two grounds.

1) The Forest Contractors are likely to delay the extraction of the tree growth by years
and
2) The stumps left back will prove to be a costly nuisance while taking up trenching for pineapple cultivation.

The clearance over the entire area would not be entrusted to one Contractor. Blocks would be laid to cover about 150 to 200 acres depending upon the vegetation so that a number of contracters could take up the work. Delays cannot be anticipated. The tree growth in the area is also poor and clearance is likely to be quick.

As regards the 2nd point the Divisional Forest Officer, put forths only one alternative. That is to allow the society to have the tree growth after assessing the value and adding 10% to it.

But grant of tree growth on recovery of value at the price to be fixed by the department plus 10% may amount to sale by private negotiations and becomes as a precedent to in other similar cases. Further since the estimate is only occular, the quantities would approximate and would create complications later.

The best course for the society is to purchase the growth in auctions themselves and clear the area in as best and most suitable manner as they like.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Conservator of Forests

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Condition No.(~~ix~~x): All or any amount due under the lease deed shall incase of default be recovered from the lessee as ~~xxxxxxx~~ arrears of land Revenue or any other provision under which it could be recovered.

Condition No.(x): The lessee shall permit the officers and servants of Government with or without workmen at all times to enter upon the lands aforesaid to view the conditions and state thereof.

Under Secretary to Govt.
A & F.D.

To

The C.C.F.(Gl.)
The C.F.Kanara Circle,Dharwar.
The D.F.O.Sirsi.
Copy to:
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No.FOP.GFL.CCF.SR/68 of 69-70

Office of the
Conservator of Forests,
Kanara Circle,
Dharwar: 23 -9-1970

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests (General)
in Mysore, B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

Sub: Grant of forest land for pineapple cultivation.

Ref: Your D.O.NO.B-3-GFL-742 of 1/2-9-70 addressed to the D.F.O.Sirsi.

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2. I submit herewith letter No.FOP.GFL.LND/120 dated 9-9-1970 of the Divisional Forest Officer, Sirsi, along with its accompaniments for favour of perusal and state as under.

(a) 33-4-0 acres of land from F.S.No.161, 174, 175 and 229 of Tigni village stand transferred to Rev. Department for release and hence grant of these S.Nos. does not arise.

(b) 2 Patches comprising of 15 acres from F.S.No. 166A1 of Banavasi inadvertently included and recommended by the Divisional Forest Officer need to be with-drawn from the total area of 791-04-0 acres leased out in G.O.No. AFD 336 FGL 69 of 6-8-1970. This may however be done after receipt of the Deputy Commissioner's reply regarding 10 acres land which is undeveloped, who is referred to by the Divisional Forest Officer.

(c) Grant of tree-growth on recovery of value at the price to be fixed by the Divisional Forest Officer, plus 10% may amount to sale by negotiation and may be precedent for others also. This is rather a policy matter and may be left to Government for decision.

(d) If Government considers grant of tree-grwoth at the negotiated price, the Society has to pay the value of the tree-growth before permission for removal of treegrowth is granted. Otherwise recovery of arrears would present unforeseen difficulties at a later stage.

(e) The Divisional Forest Officer has stated that the demarcation work would be completed in about 8 days. The exact valuation of tree-growth would be known only after the marking of trees is over and estimated yield is arrived at.

Yours faithfully,

(S.R.Bhagwat)
Conservator of Forests,
Kanara Circle, Dharwar.

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Subject :- Grant of Forest Land for Pine-apple cultivation.

NO.FOP/GFL/LND/120(69-70)of 1970/71.
Sirsi, 9 -9-1970.

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests (General)
in Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

Ref:- Letter dated 24-8-1970 from the Chief Promoter, proposed Varada Valley Pine-apple Co-Operative Society Ltd. addressed to the Hon'ble Minister for Forests, received in this Office vide Chief Conservator of Forests, (General) in Mysore, Bangalore's D.O. No.B3/GFL/742/69-70 dated 1/2-9-1970.

The Chief Promoter has referred to the Non-release of an area of 33-4-0 acres from out of Sy.Nos.161,174,175 and 229A of Tigni Village. These areas were not recommended - vide my letter No. FOP/GFL/LND/120 dated 9-10-1969 for the reasons that these areas are already disforested for release for cultivation and transferred to the Revenue Department. Incidentally these patches do not form enclosures in the areas to be leased out.

I regret to inform you that two other patches of 5 and 10 acres each from out of F.S.No. 166A1 of Banavasi included in the present G.O.are also notified for release, and handed over to the Revenue Department after clearance of tree-growth. As these were covered by an earlier G.O.No.AFD. 24.59.FGL.65 dated 21-9-1965, it is regretted it escaped notice while submitting the recommendations. Out of these two patches, 5 acres patch is fully developed while the 10 acres is undeveloped. I have addressed the Deputy Commissioner Kanara, Karwar regarding the feasibility of reverting the 10 acres patch to Forest Department.

In addition to the above, with the implementation of your suggestion made to Government of leaving a strip of 100 Metres wide along the Varada Bank, will mean a reduction of an area of 16 acres.

The Chief Promoter has pleaded for the transfer of the land with the tree-growth on payment of the assessed value on two grounds:-

1. The Forest Contractors are likely to delay the extraction of tree-growth by years.

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2. The stumps left back will prove to be a costly nuisance while taking up trenching for pine-apple cultivation.

Regarding the first point it is not as though the clearance over the entire area would be entrusted to one Contractor. The demarcation work is in progress and expected to be completed in about 8 days time. Blocks have been laid to cover about 150 to 200 acres depending upon the vegetation so that 4 or 5 contracts could be taken up at-once. Delay in all cases need not be anticipated as incidentally the tree-growth in the area is also poor.

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The second point raised, however, cannot be answered by the above. I can think of only one alternative to releasing the tree-growth on estimated value (plus 10%) to insure against the scope for any loss to Government) viz. by auction (not by tenders) which would permit the Society to be the highest bidder if they choose. However, I feel that it would be advantageous to Government if the tree-growth is to be released to the Society after assessing the value and adding 10% to it. In either case, the few stems of teak and rosewood, though not of good quality, would have to be transported to Government Timber Depot at the fixed rates. I am furnishing below the value obtained in case of sale of tree-growth within a mile range from the area now to be leased out:-

S.No.	Village.	F.S.No.	Area	Sale value of tree-growth
1)	Tigni	161	8-37-0	360/-
2)	"	174) 175)	19-28-0	905/-
3)	Narur	273	10-36-0	60/-
4)	"	277	2- 0-0	680/-
5)	Banavasi	266A	10- 0-0	785/-
6)	"	"	5- 0-0	1810/-
7)	Tigni	242	76- 0-0	9101/-

Lastly I would submit that though it would mean setting up a Precedent , as the Society is definately not interested in the Firewood or Timber but this has come into the picture only due to the cost involved in the removal of stumps, there should be no objection to hand over the tree-growth at the assessed value plus 10% exclusive of Teak and Rosewood.

The Chief Promoter has suggested that the value of the tree-growth should be recovered as and when the trees are removed by the Society. This would be difficult to be implemented. The maximum concession that could be shown would perhaps be to follow the method adopted in the sale of Coupes viz. having 3 or 4 strips and permitting the working strip by strip on payment of the full value of each strip.

The report is submitted in triplicate.

Yours faithfully,

(S.Shyam Sunder)
Divisional Forest Officer,
Sirsi Division, Sirsi.

Submitted through the Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Dharwar with a copy of the D.O.letter from the Chief Conservator of Forests (General) in Mysore, Bangalore and accompaniment thereof.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

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No. FD 311 FGL 70. MYSORE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT,
VIDHANA SOUDHA,

Dated, Bangalore 11th Sept. ..... *197* 0.

FROM

The *Secretary to the Government of Mysore*
Agriculture & Forest Department.

To The Chief Conservator of Forests
(General) in Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

Sub: Forest Department - North Kanara Dist.
Sirsi Taluk - Lease of 731-4 acres in
Banavasi and Tigni Villages to M/s.
Varada Valley Pineapple Growers'
Cooperative Society Ltd.

In enclosing a copy of representation dated 24-8-1970 of M/s. Varada Valley Pineapple Growers' Cooperative Society Ltd., Sirsi, North Kanara Dist. on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to request you to offer your remarks in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(M.A.Srinivasan)
Under Secretary to Government,
Agriculture and Forest Department.

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ISSUED
Dated 14.9.70

Copy of representation dated 24-8-1970 from M/s. Varada Valley Pineapple Growers' Cooperative Society Ltd., Banawasi, to the Minister for Forests, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore-1.

Sub: Grant of forest land for pineapple cultivation.

Ref: G.O.No.RD 336 FGL 69 dated 6-8-70.

Re:- Terms and conditions.

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At the outset I wish to offer my thanks to you on behalf of the Society for having granted 791 acres of Forest lands to the society for the cultivation of pineapple vide G.O.No. under reference. Out of the total area asked for, an area of 33-04 acres (S.Nos.161, 174, 175 and 4-19 acres in S.No.239 A of Tigani village) has not been granted. The reasons are not known. So I request you to please look into the matter and accord sanction for the grant of this remaining land to enable the society to form a compact area for future development.

Further, we had requested in our application to release the land to the society along with the tree growth on it and recover the cost from the society after making a fair valuation of the trees through you your own agency. But in the G.O., condition No. V reads:-

"The tree growth should be removed by the Forest Department before the area is leased to the Society". This will upset our whole programme.

We had requested ~~struck~~ to release the land along with the tree growth, recovering the cost from us because of the following reasons:

This project is an industry based on agricultural produce i.e., pineapple fruits. The production planning in the canning unit of the project will be based on the supply of fruits from the plantation. Therefore the planning of Plantation will have to be made in conjunction with the planning of production, so that the continuous supply of raw material(fruits) to the canning unit should be assured. Otherwise the entire plan will be upset, which may involve great loss or the project itself may be ended up in falure.

For the execution of these plans the land will have to be prepared and kept ready for plantation as per plantation schedule. If some other agency is to cut off the trees and remove them, it is sure that we will never get the land in time for further operations and the work cannot be executed as per lan.

From the past records, it is observed that invariably in all cases though the land is granted possession of the land from the contractors to whom the work of cutting the trees and removing them was entrusted. If it is delayed in this way, our project work cannot be carried out and it will be impossible to materialise the scheme.

Another important and great handicap in entrusting the work of cutting trees to other agency is that, they will cut the trees above the ground level leaving the stem behind. For cultivation purpose these stemps are to be uprooted. To uproot the stems is a very difficult job which requires digging of the whole thing involving

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tremendous labour expenditure and time. If the trees are to be uprooted before they are cut, it will be easy, less expensive and quick. By leasing the land to us with the trees, we will not cut the trees but uproot them as they are standing by some mechanical devices, costing nothing extra and saving all the time for digging the roots. By doing so we can bring the land under cultivation immediately. But if the stems are to be uprooted by digging process, in addition to the time factor, we incur a minimum expenditure of about Rs.1,000/- per acre. By this the cost of the project goes up by about 10 lakhs of rupees which our society cannot afford to. This is an extra expenditure which may be called a waste, bringing profit to none.

We therefore request you with all earnestness, to delete this condition and the following may be inserted:

"The land should be leased to the Society along with the tree growth on it and before leasing, valuation of the tree growth should be made by the Forest department and should be recovered from the society as and when they are removed by them"

Thanking you for taking necessary action in the matter immediately.

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Ref,

In enclosing a copy of representation dated 24.8.70 of M/s Nanada Valley Pineapple Growers Co-operative Society Ltd, Sirsi, N.K. Dist, on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to request you to offer your remarks in the matter.

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PROPOSED
VARADA VALLEY PINEAPPLE GROWERS'
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.

BANAWASI. Taluk: SIRSI.
(N.Kanara)

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Min. of St. Forests.
No. MF (Fns) -160/70
Date.

The Hon'ble Minister of State for Forests,
Government of Mysore,
Vidhan Soudha,
BANGALORE-1.

Respected Sir,

Sub:- Grant of Forest land for Pineapple cultivation.
Ref:- G.O.No.AFD 336 FGL 69 dated 6-8-1970.
Re :- Terms and Conditions.

At the outset I wish to offer my thanks to you on behalf of the Society for having granted 791 acres of Forest land to the Society for the cultivation of Pineapple vide G.O.No. under reference. Out of the total area asked for, an area of 33-04 acres (S.Nos.161, 174, 175 and 4-19 acres in S.No.229 A of Tigani village) has not been granted. The reasons are not known. So I request you to please look into the matter and accord sanction for the grant of this remaining land to enable the Society to form a compact area for future development.

Further, we had requested in our application to release the land to the society along with the tree growth on it and recover the cost from the Society after making a fair valuation of the trees through your own agency. But in the G.O., Condition No.II reads:-

"The tree growth should be removed by the Forest Department before the area is leased to the Society" This will upset our whole programme.

We had requested to release the land along with the tree growth, recovering the cost from us because of the following reasons:

This project is an industry based on agricultural produce i.e. Pineapple fruits. The production planning in the canning unit of the project will be based on the supply of fruits from the plantation. Therefore the

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planning of plantation will have to be made in conjunction with the planning of production, so that the continuous supply of raw material(fruits) to the canning unit should be assured. Otherwise the entire plan will be upset, which may involve great loss or the project itself may be ended up in failure.

For the execution of these plans the land will have to be prepared and kept ready for plantation as per plantation schedule. If some other agency is to cut off the trees and remove them, it is sure that we will never get the land in time for further operations and the work cannot be executed as per plan.

From the past records, it is observed that invariably in all cases though the land is granted to the party, it has taken three to five years to take possession of the land from the contractors to whom the work of cutting the trees and removing them was entrusted. If it is delayed in this way, our project work cannot be carried out and it will be impossible to materialise the scheme.

Another important and great handicap in entrusting the work of cutting trees to other agency is that, they will cut the trees above the ground level leaving the stem behind. For cultivation purpose these stems are to be uprooted. To uproot the stems is a very difficult job which requires digging of the whole thing involving tremendous labour expenditure and time. If the trees are to be uprooted before they are cut, it will be easy, less expensive and quick. By leasing the land to us with the trees, we will not cut the trees but uproot them as they are standing by some mechanical devices, costing nothing extra and saving all the time for digging the roots. By doing so we can bring the land under cultivation immediately. But if the stems are to be uprooted by digging process, in addition to the time factor, we incur a minimum expenditure of about Rs.1,000/- per acre. By this the cost of the project goes up by about 10 lakhs of rupees which our society cannot afford to. This is an extra expenditure, which may be called a waste, bringing profit to none.

We therefore request you with all earnestness, to delete this condition and the following may be inserted:

Contd.3.

"The land should be leased to the Society along with the tree growth on it and before leasing, valuation of the tree growth should be made by the Forest Department and should be recovered from the society as and when they are removed by them"

Thanking you for taking necessary action in the matter immediately.

Yours faithfully,
For the Proposed Varada Valley
Pineapple Growers' Co-operative Society Ltd.

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Chief Promoter.

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Chief Conservator's Office
Bangalore:Dated: 20/8/ 1970.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Agriculture and Forest Department,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

Sub:-Forest Department - North Kanara District - Sirsi Taluk - Lease of 791-4 acres in Banavasi and Tigni Villages to M/s.Varada Valley Pine-apple Growers Cooperative Society Ltd., Banavasi for Pine-apple cultivation - Orders regarding.

Ref:-Government Order No.AFD-336-FGL-69 Dated 6-8-1970.

As already reiterated that the areas ordered for lease are on the right bank of Varada River and some of the parts are even touching the river. It is now necessary to insert the following additional clause in the Government Order to prevent Soil erosion.

Viz. (1) A belt of 100 metres shall be left on the banks of Varada River to prevent Soil erosion and the Society shall also take necessary Soil Conservation measures at their cost where the soil is subject to erosion.

Some lease condions are wanting in the Government Order which are narrated below for the consideration of Government and if the Government if approved that may be issued as an addendum to the above quoted Government Order.

(2) The lease shall be cancelled forthwith if the Registration of the Society is cancelled.

(3) The rent now fixed is liable for revision at any time the Government consider it necessary.

(4) The lessee should execute an agreement with the Divisional Forest Officer,Sirsi embodying the aforesaid conditions.

(5) All or any amount due under the lease deed shall in case of default be recovered from the lessee as arrears of land Revenue or any other provision under which it could be recovered.

(6) The lessee shall permit the officers and servants of Government with or without workmen at all times to enter upon the lands aforesaid to view the conditions and state thereof.

The condition proposed by Government at clause (iv) and (vii) may be substituted by the following viz.

(i) The land should be utilised only for the purpose of cultivation of pine-apple. If the land is not utilised for the said purpose within a period of 5 years or if it is diverted to any other purpose, the land shall be resumed by Government, with all the structures if any put up by the Society without paymentof any compensation.

(ii) The lessee shall deposit with the Forest Department a sum of Rs.5000/- either in cash or Bank guarantee for the satisfactory fulfilment of all the conditions and in case of breach of any of the conditions, the department

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shall be at liberty to impose penalty upto a maximum of Rs.1000/- for each such breach and recover the same. If the lessee fails to pay the same within 15 days from the date of such demand it shall be lawful for the department to order recovery of this amount from the Deposit. If any such penalty is recovered from the deposit, the deposit should be immediately made up so that the deposit should always be Rs.5,000/-.

The views of the Government in the matter may therefore kindly be communicated.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Conservator of Forests